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REDUCE OR ELIMINATE TRANSMISSION OF  
A TRANSGENE

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of this continuation application on the merits, please  
amend the application as follows: